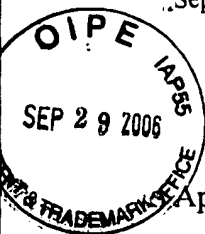


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and replacement FIG. 6 for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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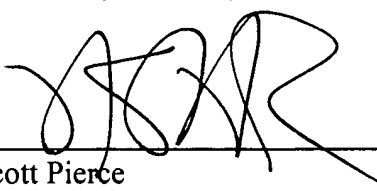
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AMENDMENT

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 22, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: